

REMARKS

By this Response, no amendments to the claims have been made. Claims 1-3 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting based on Claims 1-3 of Applicants' U.S. Patent No. 6,712,981. To that end, Applicants have submitted herewith as Exhibit A, terminal disclaimers to obviate a double patenting rejection over that patent.

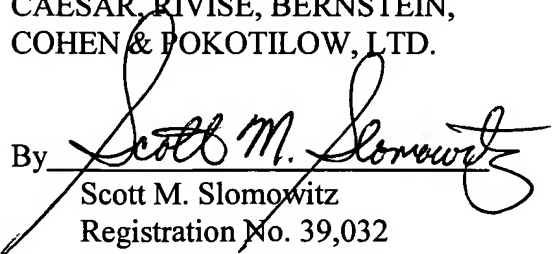
For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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